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1. A FULL STATEMENT OF GOALS OF MISSION'S NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM WAS SET FORTH IN REVISED NARCOTICS ACTION PLAN (REF B) MISSION BELIEVES THESE GOALS AS DEFINED FIVE MONTHS AGO REMAIN THE MOST IMPORTANT ONES FOR U.S. ACTION IN IRAN. NO TIMETABLE FOR THEIR ATTAINMENT, HOWEVER, CAN BE GIVEN AT THIS TIME.

2. IN RECENT MONTHS THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL ACTIONS BY THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN WHICH APPEAR TO STRENGTHEN ITS COMMITMENT TO DEVELOPMENT OF AN EFFECTIVE NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM: A. THE DEA OFFICE IN TEHRAN HAS, AFTER MONTHS OF PERSUASIVE REASONING, INDUCED THE IRANIAN NATIONAL POLICE TO ESTABLISH A CENTRALIZED NARCOTICS BUREAU REPORTING DIRECTLY TO THE CHIEF OF POLICE. THIS SHOULD SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF DRUG ENFORCEMENT IN THE URBAN CENTERS OF IRAN BY GIVING NARCOTICS UNITS GREATER FREEDOM OF ACTION AND PROVIDING DIRECT ACCESS TO NECESSARY FUNDING.

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THE LAST FEW DAYS, AND THERE IS NO DOUBT OF THE SERIOUSNESS WITH

WHICH THE NATIONAL POLICE INTEND TO PUSH AHEAD WITH IT. B. GENMISH, TOO, HAS SCORED A SUCCESS WITH ITS CAMPAIGN FOR AN INVESTIGATIVE ARMS FOR THE IMPERIAL IRANIAN GENDARMERIE. A CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION WILL BE ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE ANTI-SMUGGLING/NARCOTICS DIRECTORATE TO COLLECT NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE FROM THE FIELD, COLLATE AND ANALYZE IT, AND DISSEMINATE LEADS AND BACKGROUND TO REGIONAL UNIT

FOR ACTION. PARALLEL WITH THIS WILL BE ANTI-SMUGGLING INVESTIGATION SQUAD FOR SPECIAL OPERATIONS THROUGH THE COUNTRY. IN ADDITION, THE PLAN CALLS FOR ANTI-SMUGGLING/NARCOTICS INVESTIGATIVE TEAMS AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL REPORTING DIRECTLY TO THE CENTRAL ANTI-SMUGGLING/NARCOTICS DIRECTORATE. C. IRANIAN CUSTOMS HAS PROPOSED THE FIRST POSITIVE COOPERATIVE ACTIVITY FOR IRANIAN AGENCIES CONCERNED WITH NARCOTICS SMUGGLING, A JOINT NATIONAL POLICE-IIG-CUSTOMS OPERATION AT THE MAJOR CROSSING POINT TO TURKEY DESIGNED TO DEVELOP INTELLIGENCE ON SMUGGLING BY TRUCK TO EUROPE. D. IN JULY, THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN ANNOUNCED A THREE-PRONGED DRIVE AGAINST DRUG ABUSE TO INCLUDE A PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAM, STRICTER DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND BROADENED TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION FOR DRUG ADDICTS. IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT A BUDGET OF 500 MILLION RIALS (APPROXIMATELY 7.4 MILLION DOLLARS) HAS BEEN ALLOCATED FOR THIS PURPOSE, AND THE PROGRAM IS TO BE DIRECTED BY A "STRIKE FORCE" CHAIRED BY THE PRIME MINISTER.

3. NO DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES BY THE UNITED STATES APPEAR TO BE CALLED FOR AT THIS TIME TO STRENGTHEN THE ANI-NARCOTICS POLICY OF THE GOI. NOR IS THERE NEED FOR SUPPORT FROM U.S. INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL FUNDS.
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